

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An improved dispenser for series-connected tickets comprising:
 - a. a box-like structure having a floor, a roof, a pair of side walls, a front wall, and a rear opening;
 - b. a door associated with said box-like structure to cover the rear opening of said box-like structure when in a closed position; and
 - c. a transverse ticket dispensing slot in said door whereby a plurality of tickets may be dispensed from said box-like structure including:
 - i. an upper ledge portion with a lower and an outer edge where the tickets exit from the dispenser;
 - ii. at least one notch in the outer edge of said upper ledge portion;
 - iii. a lower portion spaced apart from said upper ledge portion to form said transverse ticket dispensing slot; and
 - iv. at least one resilient tension arm extending from the lower portion toward the upper ledge portion and into the at least one notch such that the outer edge of the upper ledge portion is below the uppermost surface of said resilient tension arm for providing sufficient tension on the tickets as said tickets are dispensed through said dispensing slot.
2. An improved dispenser as recited in claim 1, wherein said lower surface of the upper ledge portion slopes downwardly.
3. An improved dispenser as recited in claim 1, wherein said door is pivotally attached to said box-like structure by a pivotal attachment means comprising

- a. two pivot attachments extending horizontally from said door;
- b. attachment apertures in the side-walls of said box-like structure near the floor and near the rear opening for engaging said two pivot attachments;
- c. a lock in said door opposite said two pivot attachments; and
- d. a slit in the roof of the box-like structure for engaging the said lock

4. An improved dispenser as recited in claim 1, wherein said outer edge comprises a lip where tickets exit the improved dispenser.

5. An improved dispenser as recited in claim 1, wherein said upper ledge portion contains a plurality of said notches and a corresponding plurality of resilient tension arms extending from said lower portion.

6. An improved dispenser as recited in claim 4, wherein said upper ledge portion contains three of said notches and three of said resilient tension arms extending from said lower portion.

7. An improved dispenser as recited in claim 1, wherein said at least one resilient tension arm is formed of a flexible material such that the tension arm temporarily deflects when one of said plurality of tickets presses against the resilient tension arm as it is dispensed through the transverse dispensing slot.

8. An improved dispenser as recited in claim 1, wherein said tension arm comprises a convex portion such that the ticket is dispensed over the convex portion of the resilient tension arm.

9. An improved dispenser as recited in claim 1, wherein the door comprises an aperture for a lock.

10. An improved dispenser as recited in claim 1, wherein the door comprises means for securing the dispensing slot from unauthorized access into the dispenser.

11. An improved dispenser as recited in claim 10, wherein the means for securing the dispensing slot includes a security door slot to engage a security door to cover the dispensing slot.

12. An improved dispenser as recited in claim 1, wherein the door is formed of one piece injected molded plastic.

13. An improved dispenser as recited in claim 12, wherein the plastic is polycarbonate.

14. An improved dispenser as recited in claim 1, wherein the box-like structure and the door are formed of a transparent material to allow viewing of the tickets.

15. An improved dispenser as recited in claim 14, wherein the transparent material is polycarbonate.